

Physician Practice Workgroup Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 3, 2022	5:00 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.	Webinar and Conference Call

Participant Name and Attendance

Physician Practice Workgroup Members					
Rod Acosta		Lou Fiorillo		Atique Mirza	
Jean Ahn	X	Khuram Ghumman	X	Robin Gail Oshman	X
Rich Almada		Richard Goldstein	X	Theresa Riordan	
Marjorie Breen	X	Chris Hyers		Robert Russo	X
Ronald Ciesones	X	Dinesh Kapur	X	Michael Steinmetz	
Jeff Cohen	X	Alan Kaye	X	Lisa Trumble	
Alan Coker		Steven Lazarus	X		
Nicole Demers	X	Leland McKenna	X		
Others Present					
Members Absent					
Rod Acosta		Khuram Ghumman		Theresa Riordan	
Rich Almada		Chris Hyers		Michael Steinmetz	
Alan Coker		Atique Mirza		Lisa Trumble	
Lou Fiorillo					

	Agenda	Responsible Person(s)
1	Call to order and motion to open meeting	Steven Lazarus
	The November special meeting of the Physician Practice Workgroup was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, via Zoom. The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. Steven Lazarus presiding. Attendance taken by roll call by Ron Ciesones.	
2	Public Comment	Steven Lazarus
	There was no public comment	
3	Presentations	OHS Intern
	Andrew Keller, MD, a legal intern within OHS, provided a presentation entitled "The Corporate Practice of Medicine in Connecticut."	
	Below are some of the items in the presentation:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Corporate Practice of Medicine (CPOM) doctrine specifies that a corporation may not be licensed to practice medicine, members in a corporation to practice medicine must be licensed, and for-profit corporations cannot form or own any part of a professional corporation. 	

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- In CT, several state agencies deal with the CPOM including the Department of Public Health, Office of Health Strategy, and Office of the Attorney General.
- Statutes related to the CPOM include C.G.S. § 20-9(a) and C.G.S. §19a-19.
- Statutes defining the incorporation of physicians are C.G.S. §33-182a and C.G.S. §34-243.
- Statutes defining medical foundations are C.G.S. § 33-182a and C.G.S. § 34-243.
- CPOM laws vary in states neighboring Connecticut (CT) such as Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island.
- In CT the CPOM is monitored through Medical Foundations based on certain legislative statutes.

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A discussion related to the data in the presentation took place between members of the workgroup related to the corporate practice of medicine and how it relates to the major topics the group will focus on in the final report. For more information, please see the meeting recording link on the November 3, 2022, Physician Practice Workgroup page noted above.

Steven Lazarus thanked everyone for their comments.

4	Next steps for the workgroup	Steven Lazarus
	<p>Steven indicated that he and Ron Ciesones will soon begin drafting the workgroup’s report based on feedback received from the workgroup members. Steve encouraged people to review the summary of topics sent out to the group the prior week and add any suggestions for topics.</p> <p>Steve indicated that he hopes to have a final draft to everyone by early December and for it to be presented in January. We are seeking volunteers to speak on the findings at the January Health Care Cabinet meeting. If need be, the group may be required to have some special meetings after the next regularly scheduled meeting to accomplish this goal.</p>	
5	Adjourn	Steven Lazarus
	The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.	